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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING METHOD OF THE UNIT

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Enclosed are:

- 26 sheets of formal informal drawings.

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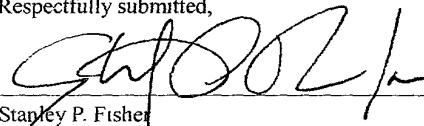
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